GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MANDATORY HEALTH WARNING ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to direct the tobacco producers to depict a mandatory specified health warning on the tobacco products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated to each State by the Union Government during the last three years and the current year in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) The Government of India has notified the Cigrettes and Other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labeling) Rules, 2008 vide GSR No.182(E) dated 15th March 2008. These Rules shall come into force from 31st May 2009. As per these Rules, every package of cigarette or any other tobacco product shall have the specified health warning, as specified. The components of specified health warning include: Health warnings (Smoking Kills or Tobacco Kills); pictorial representations of ill effects of tobacco use and a health message.

The Tobacco Industry has to comply with the statutory provisions and therefore no funds are allocated to States for this purpose. However, Rs.1.55 crore in 2007-08 has been released to the States/Districts for the Pilot Phase of National Tobacco Control Programme in 18 districts.